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AGENCY ON ELDERLY AFFAIRS (Pg. 1)

The departmental budget review reconvened on April 15, 2010 at 10:13 a.m., and proceeded as follows:

(Mr. Furfaro was noted present at 10:25 a.m.)

AGENCY ON ELDERLY AFFAIRS:

DARYL KANESHIRO: Elderly Affairs welcome, good morning.

KEALOHA TAKAHASHI: Good morning and thank you for this opportunity. I have Azi Turturici our accountant here as well.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay you have the floor you may begin with your presentation on this budget review session.

Ms. Takahashi: Okay. We sent ahead our budget review and for item number one we don't have any new positions or changes to any existing positions. Item number two regarding the vacant positions as a RSVP Director and the Program Support Technician, we do have we will be filling Program Support Technician and the start date will be tomorrow on the 16<sup>th</sup>. We are presently recruiting for the Director. Item number three we have as requested the list of those employees who are federally funded or State funded.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay.

Ms. Takahashi: And then I have two charts for you, the bar graph which shows our salaries. In comparison for this current year and next year and the comparison with benefits and operation for a total variance of a minus One hundred two thousand and...

DICKIE CHANG: Kealoha, I'm sorry can you hold on for one second?

Ms. Takahashi: Sure.

Mr. Chang: Sorry they don't have the handout.

Ms. Takahashi: Okay we'll wait.

LANI KAWAHARA: I didn't go to my box. We didn't go to our box.

TIM BYNUM: So while we're waiting, the Director position is the RSVP Director?

Ms. Takahashi: Yes, yes.

Mr. Bynum: I want that job.

Ms. Takahashi: Yeah it's a fun job.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Let me make a comment here.

Ms. Takahashi: Yes.

Mr. Kaneshiro: You know these handouts were handed out quite awhile ago so, I would advise my committee members that to keep your handouts together with the departments so as we start with the departments...

Ms. Kawahara: Of course, of course Budget Chair.

Mr. Kaneshiro: I mean Lani...

Ms. Kawahara: Of course you are absolutely right and I have all of them right here except for that one.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Alright.

Ms. Kawahara: So thank you for your reminder.

Mr. Kaneshiro: All I'm saying is that many of these handouts are handed out ahead of time. We have asked the questions, if you look at it we sent the questions out quite awhile ago and you know it bothers me when I have to recess the meeting because some of the Committee members don't have the items that was passed out or handed out to the members. So we are in recess at this time.

Ms. Takahashi: We have the variances in comparative to the 2010 and the white bar graph as the 2011. You have the variances for salaries, benefits and operations for a total of One hundred two thousand and four hundred ten dollars. The pie chart just shows the similar information but we have it broken down with the percentages of what that looks like in comparing the 2010 with 2011.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Alright, is there anything else you wanted to add to your presentation? You know if you look at your total, there is only two pages actually looking at the budget so we don't expect too many questions regarding the budget itself. I will open it up to Committee members if they have anything for Elderly affairs and in regards to the positions. Mr. Bynum. Do you have something that you wanted to ask?

Mr. Bynum: Thank you for the great work and I think the RSVP program is great and whoever gets that job is very lucky.

Ms. Takahashi: I know I want it myself.

Mr. Kaneshiro: The Chair does have a question so you have the floor chair.

KAIPO ASING: I just have a question on, why the two positions have not been filled for eight months. Eight months is quite some time so is there a reason we have two vacancies that are not filled. Why? Is it difficult to find people is that the reason or is there other reasons?

Ms. Takahashi: For the Director, the Program specialist RSVP Director was just put out in March so I haven't received any of the applications that were qualified yet so we are still waiting on DPS to forward that information over.

Mr. Asing: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay, with that go ahead Lani.

Ms. Kawahara: Thank you Daryl. So are you going to be maintaining all of the services you had last year with this fiscal year?

Ms. Takahashi: Yes.

Ms. Kawahara: Yes. Okay that's all I wanted to know thank you very much.

Ms. Takahashi: I wanted to thank the Council also for supporting our programs and supporting our agency. Thank you so much.

Mr. Kaneshiro: You have a question? Go ahead.

Mr. Bynum: The recent Federal grant for kids fit..

Ms. Takahashi: Exactly, we don't know all of the details yet or if in fact we will be receiving money but we are scheduling to meet with Dr. Ball later this month. Hopefully we will have good news.

Tim Bynum: Thank you very much.

Ms. Kawahara: I have one more thing.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Any other questions? go ahead.

Ms. Kawahara: It's not actually a question. Can I make a statement!

Mr. Kaneshiro: Is it in regards to Elderly?

Ms. Kawahara: Yes.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay.

Ms. Kawahara: Thank you. Thank you. I just wanted to thank you for your graciousness and patience while we looked for our papers on your budget. I also wanted to share with you that I had a co-worker who needed to use the services, your elderly services for respite care. I want to tell you that it made a big difference in his life and his Mothers and I think it's a definite service that you provide to the Community and that's why I wanted to be sure you were still providing all of the services despite the cuts. Thank you.

Ms. Takahashi: Thank you.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Mr. Furfaro, go ahead.

JAY FURFARO: Good Morning Chairman Kaneshiro and to my colleagues. First of all I apologize for you have my excuse letter but I wanted to apologize to you folks as well. I had an appointment with the County Attorney that was there for a long time and it involved some other individuals and I apologize for not being here.

Ms. Takahashi: Thank you.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay with that no further questions by Committee members and thank you very much. You are excused.

Ms. Takahashi: Thank you.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Committee members, you want to move right into the next agenda item.

DEREK KAWAKAMI: Yes please.

Mr. Kaneshiro: The next agenda item and we'll have the Transportation agency up. Please make sure everyone has their handouts.

The Agency on Elderly Affairs departmental budget review concluded at 10:28 a.m., and there being no objections, the meeting was in recess.